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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Weather Record.
At St. Johnsbury, for the week ending
Dec. 19, 1888.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	2	-5
Friday	30	-4
Saturday	36	21
Sunday	37	23
Monday	32	15
Tuesday	32	15
Wednesday	40	8

BRIEF LOCALS.

—Merry Christmas, one and all.

—There are several cases of mumps about town.

—W. H. Shaw has moved from Water street to Mrs. Morrill's house on South Park.

—There will be a Christmas Sunday school concert at the Methodist church next Sunday evening.

—The Free Baptist society are holding a Christmas sale in Carter's old store in Brown's block.

—George W. Dickey has offered his business for sale with a view of locating in the vicinity of Boston.

—Dr. Aubrey has just arrived in America on his lecture tour. He comes in our Y. M. C. A. course Jan. 3.

—Col. Dennis E. May has moved his pension agency into the rooms in Music hall vacated by Dr. C. D. Newell.

—Inez Goodall of East St. Johnsbury, offers for sale or to rent, the F. F. Carrick place in Summerville.

—The postoffice will be open on Christmas from 8 to 9:30 a. m. and 6 to 7 p. m. The evening mail will close at 7 o'clock.

—Beginning Dec. 20, the club price of the Caledonian and Mirror and Farmer has been reduced to \$2.00. Groceries soon!

—The Episcopalians hold a Christmas sale with refreshments and an entertainment in their room in Music hall next Monday evening.

—William Ruffred had his right hand badly crushed in a sticking machine in the cash and blind room at the scale shops Tuesday morning.

—The county treasurer is issuing warrants for an eight cents on the dollar tax assessed by the last legislature, to make changes in the Court house.

—Prof. Sears of the University of Vermont has occupied the pulpit at St. Andrews church for the past two Sabbaths preaching very scholarly sermons.

—A bell party will be given at the Church of the Messiah Saturday evening, followed by a Christmas sale. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

—The St. Johnsbury orchestra give a concert and ball at the Town hall Monday evening. Fred Spencer of Lyndon takes J. W. Donahue's place in the organization.

—A. E. Martin will be permanent janitor at the Y. M. C. A. building. James Puffer is still serving as janitor and clerking through the holidays at Bundy's shoe store.

—Just enough snow fell Tuesday to make bad wheeling and very poor sleighing. On the Southeastern road there were drifts of over four feet delaying the down Montreal express on Tuesday several hours.

—The damage to the Lake road by the recent smash up near Emerson's will not exceed \$2,000. Four of the cars that were first thought to be destroyed will come out of the repair shops at Lyndonville as good as new.

—The date of the meeting of the board of agriculture has been fixed for this county at St. Johnsbury, Thursday and Friday, January 3 and 4. The board meets for Orleans county at Coventry, Jan. 2 and 3, and for Essex county at Bloomfield, Jan. 10 and 11.

—William S. Bailey of East Hardwick, president of the Eastern Vermont horse breeders association, attended the annual meeting of the New England trotting horse breeders in Boston recently and was elected one of the vice-presidents from this state.

—Montpelier's electric light bill for 1888 is over \$3,000 for lighting the streets, and they complain that they have not nearly lights enough. Citizens expect it will cost them over \$4,000 next year and are groaning at the thought. Those that dance must pay the fiddler.

—Miss Annie L. Gorham has a fine exhibit of her work in oil and water colors in the window of Miss E. J. Robinson's store. Mrs. C. E. Smith of Lyndonville has two paintings in Harvey & Brown's window while Bingham's window contains a copy of a French picture executed by C. A. Black, the dancing teacher.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Some Obligations Resting on Citizens.

As was announced last week a village meeting is called for next Thursday evening, Dec. 27, "to see if the village will accept and ratify its contract, made through the trustees of said village, with the Thomson-Houston company for lighting the streets of said village with electricity." It will be well for the citizens of the place to divest themselves of both prejudice and sentiment and look this matter squarely in the face and endeavor by candor and the use of their best judgment to arrive at an intelligent and wise conclusion.

Laying aside for the moment the obvious fact that undue influence was brought to bear upon the trustees by the Thomson-Houston company in the latter agree to pay \$1500 a year for power in which two or more of said trustees are owners, which power could have been obtained elsewhere for \$500 or less; dismissing for the present this apparent "job" which of necessity disqualifies the trustees from acting in this matter for the village disinterestedly, and assuming for the present that this trade entered into in behalf of the village is fair and square, how does the matter stand?

The trustees propose by their own showing to plunge the village into an expense after the first year of not less than \$2300—and many think it will be nearer \$4000,—for lighting the streets alone. No candid and intelligent person believes the village can be properly lighted with less than 40 lights and many put the number at 50 lights. By a very unusual mode of estimating expenses, the Thomson-Houston company propose to put in a plant, erect poles, string wires, etc., for 20 lights at \$65 a light; but after all this expense of the plant is completed, if additional lights are wanted,—as of course there will be,—they will charge \$70 a light!

Are the tax-payers of this village aware that a better light than the Thomson-Houston people give can be obtained at a much less price? There is good evidence that such is the case. There are lights now produced that do not "flicker," that require much less power than the Thomson-Houston system, and are furnished much cheaper. It is said on good authority that a reliable company will contract to put in an electric plant, including poles, wire, dynamos, and everything ready to attach power to, for \$9000. This system requires only 60 horse-power for 100 lights, which would give 50 lights for the streets of the village and 50 to rent. The power at Carrick's, near the railroad station, would not cost over \$400 and probably not over \$300. If the 50 extra lights can be rented for \$50 a light (\$20 less than the Thomson-Houston folks ask) it would bring an income of \$2500 annually. How would it do for the village to invest \$9000 with a good prospect of getting an income of 20 or more percent from the investment and securing its streets lighted for nothing? Or even if the income was a much less percent, would it not be better than \$3000 a year expense with no income? So far as the public know there has been no investigation of other systems of lighting, but a seeming determination to foist upon the tax-payers this system regardless. If there is another kind of light that burns steadily and is less expensive, these are two considerations of great importance. Isn't this matter worth investigating? In this connection we are permitted to copy extracts from a private letter received by a gentleman in this town written by a friend in another state.

"I read in the last Caledonian that you are having a light over the electric light question with the Thomson-Houston company. I trust your town will not ratify the action of your trustees. The T. & H. Co. is thoroughly unscrupulous in its efforts to get into a place and its agents do not hesitate to use every means to accomplish their ends. The electric light committee in — (the town where the writer lives), could give you points in this respect. After a careful examination of several, our town has put in another system, which is so good that the T. & H. offered them \$60,000 for it, but without avail. The T. & H. at — (another town near by) after agreeing to furnish 1200 candle-power lights have been let off with lights of 700 candle-power, and poor at that. Beware of them, say it honestly."

The above voluntary testimony from an intelligent man, a total stranger, who was never in this town and who has no possible interest in misrepresenting the matter, is worthy of consideration by thoughtful citizens. As was said at the beginning of this article, sentiment and prejudice should not enter into its discussion. The vital interests of this town are at stake. The citizens cannot afford to longer permit its best good to be ignored. We have a goodly town, and one whose educational, religious and social advantages will attract residents; but unless this spirit of extravagance, wastefulness and jobbery can be checked, it will, like the Old Man of the Sea, strangle its very life.

Since the above was put in type still another electric light company gives figures at which they will put in a plant, in some respects at a better rate than that given in the previous article. The estimate at which they will put in a 50-light plant with lamps of 2,000 candle-power, is given below:—

COST OF PLANT.
25-are dynamos with 50 arc lamps and
poles, 2500
Poles and setting, with 7 miles of wire, 1,500
Hanging lamps, 100
Total cost of plant, \$4,100.00

EXPENSE OF RUNNING, PER ANNUM.

Water power, \$500.00
2 men at \$50 a month, 1,200.00
25,000 carbons, 750.00
Oil and waste, 50.00
Interest and depreciation of plant, 12 per c., 500.00
Total, \$3,950.00

The above is estimate for a 50-arc light plant. This will give the village 40 lights for its streets, (instead of 33,) and 10 lamps to rent. Estimate these latter ten at \$65 each and the cost of the 40 street lamps is reduced to \$2,043.80. That is, the village would obtain by this estimate 40 street lamps of 80,000 candle-power for a trifle over \$2,000, against the Thomson-Houston 33 lamps of 33,000 candle-power for \$2,210. Or, seven more lamps and double the candle-power at \$200 a year less cost.

Some Needs of the Village.
As people were returning home from the meeting of Christian Workers Saturday evening a dark object was seen on Central street near the rink from which voices proceeded. On approaching nearer the object proved to be a drunken young man in the gutter whom two companions were endeavoring to get home. The person in the gutter was obstinate and ugly, and all were shockingly profane. Women on the street were frightened and took refuge in stores, or returned home by some other streets.

Again, a prominent business man in town told the writer within a week that the women and girls in his employ were afraid to go home evenings because of repeated insults, and fear of assault which threatened them from ruffians in the Portland street bridge.

There are some things this town is sadly in need of, and prominent among these things is protection for the people. To secure this, laws must be enforced. To have laws enforced, there must be officers with sand in them. To procure such officers the people must be nominated by a ring caucus. There is money enough squandered by this village every year to pay for a sufficient force of efficient police and to renovate the moral and sanitary condition of the town. Will the tax-payers take this matter in hand, or will they continue to suffer their money to be wasted, with little or nothing valuable to show for it?

At the Scale Works.
There have been several changes in the offices of the scale company. H. C. Bond goes into the gate office with William Horton; J. M. Cady goes upon the pay roll with Wm. C. Tyler; Frank H. Brooks takes charge of the store books and George H. Frost goes into the treasurer's office.

The Standard Electric company are setting up an Arrington & Simm's engine of nearly 100 horse power to be used in testing new dynamos.

The stone wall on the western bank of the river was completed last week. The foundations for the new storehouse are being laid and as soon as the lumber arrives the work will be pushed rapidly forward. The storehouse will be a two story wooden building with a river frontage of 158 feet and a western extension of 120 feet. The track runs into the house and scales can be loaded directly into the cars.

A Trestle Moved by Ice and Water.
After the morning mail train and a freight had crossed the temporary trestle over the Passumpsic river just above East Barnet, Tuesday, it was noticed that the structure had been moved out of line over six inches. This was evidently done by the ice which was rapidly breaking up and collecting at this spot. An engine and some cars loaded with stone were immediately sent down from Lyndonville and these rested on the trestle until it was brought back into line. Passengers on the noon train were transferred and arrangements had been made to have the afternoon trains sent around by way of Scotts. Later this was found to be unnecessary and all the afternoon trains crossed it as usual. The engine and loaded cars remained at the spot all night and frequently passed over the trestle to test it.

An Expensive Luxury.
The Boston Record publishes a table giving ten cities lighted by electricity and the cost in each city per light. They range from Malden at \$100 per light per year, Buffalo \$173.37, up to Boston, which pays \$227.25 for each light used. These figures are rather startling to little towns that are talking of introducing the electric light, and give some food for reflection. The Caledonian of Nov. 29 said that some of the best electricians of the country do not hesitate to say that no small town or city can afford electricity for illuminating purposes until some cheaper method of generating it is discovered. If St. Johnsbury stops before it gets into this trap it will not get squeezed.

DANVILLE.
We understand W. B. Richards has left town for Canada.

E. C. Woodward has bought out Mr. Mooney's lively stable and will carry it on at his house.

Richards & Frizzell have dissolved partnership. C. H. Frizzell has assumed the liabilities and will carry on the business in his own name.

NORTH DANVILLE.
John D. Harris is cutting down one of his sugar places.

Will Lowell of South Danville started a writing class here last Monday evening.

J. H. Humphrey of St. Johnsbury has been engaged to teach a singing school this winter. The first lesson will be given Friday evening of this week.

CROWDED CHRISTMAS COUNTERS.

What to Buy and Where to Buy It.
Our enterprising merchants have spread their tempting wares before the eye of the public and extend through our advertising columns a cordial invitation to the readers of the Caledonian to visit their stores. Many have availed themselves of this annual opportunity to make others happy while many more will make the rounds of the stores this week. To one and all we say, patronize our local merchants.

They are all well-known and trustworthy and have made unusual efforts to please a critical public. Give them a call. The alphabet begins with A and so does the name of our new shoe dealer.

O. S. ABBOTT,
whose store on Railroad street is well stocked with all sorts and sizes of ladies' and gentlemen's footwear. Just now he is making a specialty of velvet slippers of beautiful patterns, Canadian moccasins, Waverly school shoes and Quaker shoes. Begin the alphabet right by calling on Abbott.

A. L. BAILEY
is a household name throughout the length and breadth of our little state and his pianos and organs have brought delight to many homes. He wants us to announce now that prices on pianos and organs are reduced from now until after New Year's. Not satisfied with this holiday move Mr. Bailey has added to his present large stock entirely new styles in pianos and organs and invites all music lovers to inspect his stock.

C. C. BINGHAM
telephoned Santa Claus early in the season to send him the best variety of fancy goods he could spare and his counters groan with articles useful and ornamental. Plush goods, maniere sets, booklets, cards, toilet sets, fancy mirrors and thermometers comprise only a few of the many articles that catch the eye at a cursory glance. Mr. Bingham spares no pains or dollars to please the public and he has succeeded this year as we knew he would.

E. C. BROOKS,
our new Railroad street tailor, has already won the confidence of our people by his square dealings. His store is well filled with the latest styles of American and imported suitings and by allowing no old stock to accumulate he is enabled to offer an entirely new line of samples. The tariff is still on wool but off the prices of his all-wool pants.

E. G. BUNDY
is on hand as usual with his store crowded with everything in the line of boots and shoes from baby's No. 1 to gentlemen's No. 10. Especially saleable are his beautiful moccasins and slippers in plush, velvet, calf and alligator. Keep your mothers and sisters warm all winter by purchasing his seamless foot-warmers.

F. D. BLODGETT AND CO.
offer an attractive insurance menu on your life and property in an endless number of desirable plans. Their national installment bonds are one of the surest ways of investment in the market.

F. A. CARTER
has a larger store this year and the interior is attractively trimmed with hundreds of ladies and gents silk handkerchiefs and scarfs. Gift seekers will find here a dry goods world well stocked with staple goods which ought to be found in every Christmas stocking next Tuesday morning. Carter's store was full of customers when the scribe looked in and after a glance at his stock we saw what attracted the crowd.

F. O. CLARK,
at the sign of the book, will deliver holiday numbers of the papers and magazines to his subscribers and keep shop at the same time, where one will find a store filled with books, holiday numbers of the magazines, stationery in endless variety, fountain and gold pens, games, diaries and in fact everything a first class book store should have. St. Johnsbury illustrated, only \$2.25, makes a beautiful and lasting Christmas present.

CHARLES P. CARPENTER
has anticipated the government by having "special delivery" of furnaces, stoves, tinware or even refrigerators in case we have an open winter. He is now carrying the largest stock of heaters ever shown in St. Johnsbury and if you are going to make yourself a present why not be comfortable by investing in a new stove.

MRS. HELEN F. CARPENTER
has a bazar that will delight the eye of all the ladies and a collection of useful and ornamental articles to suit all purchasers. Just now she is having a special drive in handkerchiefs, a most appropriate holiday gift. Among her attractive novelties are potpourri jars, fancy baskets, tidies and delicate specimens of embroidery.

DICKERMAN AND COOPER
have come here during the year and already built up a good photographic trade at Clifford's old stand. Their liberal offer of giving a souvenir to everyone ordering a dozen cabinets holds good until New Year's. For the holiday trade they have stocked up with cases, pastels on porcelain, cabinet holders and photograph cases. Their collection of mezzotint copies of old paintings is worth inspecting.

E. AND T. FAIRBANKS AND CO.
were among the first to open up their goods and have a greater variety than ever before. In silverware, china, toys, cards, booklets, games, etc., they have such a variety that one can read-

ily believe that Santa Claus has opened a branch store in Fairbanks village. Before leaving this store make some poor family happy by leaving your order for a barrel of apples.

PLINT BROTHERS
display a rich line of plush goods, solid and plated ware, new designs in toilet sets, perfumery sets, games and toys. This firm has many friends through the year and still others at the holiday season.

L. F. GASKILL
has owned Burgin's store long enough to know how to make fine candies and those making up their Christmas packages should not omit a bag of candy.

HALL AND STANLEY
are ready for the holiday trade and their stock is the largest ever shown at this old and reliable stand. They ask you to call even if you do not want to buy and let them show you their designs in plush, rattan and rocking chairs, desks, bookcases, tables and house furniture. You will be suited with their prices.

CHARLES S. HASTINGS
still thinks that a policy in the Equitable Life together with an accident policy is the best New Year's present in the market. He has been in the business long enough to know what he is talking about.

HARVEY AND BROWN
have their annual display of everything in the holiday line and have displayed their wares in a very tasteful manner. On entering the store two pyramids of silk handkerchiefs stand guard over the entrance while on the right is a very choice collection of china of varying prices and designs. Besides goods seen on the counters there are goods stowed away and staple goods displayed upon countless shelves on both floors.

E. T. AND H. K. IDE
offer Florida oranges right from their own groves, singly, by the dozen, half-box or box.

MRS. D. A. MORRISON
was trimming her store the morning the scribe called, but enough had been done to produce a most pleasing effect in color and designs. On one side were the plush goods and velvets, furnishing a rich background to her regular stock, while the other side was given up entirely to holiday goods. Handkerchiefs, tidies, fancy crockery and glassware furnish just the bargains that one wants while the two windows bear witness to the skill of successful decorators.

MOORE AND HIGGINS
on the other side of the street are carrying an extensive line of lamps of all kinds, vases, fancy crockery, household articles, cutlery, skates and sleds, in fact presents for the whole family can be found in their store.

JOHN A. MOORE
carries everything in the line of gent's furnishing goods from a collar button to a fur overcoat, and what is better still offers all his stock at reasonable prices. His stock is newly opened and all the latest styles of dress and clothing can be found at the Passumpsic clothing store.

MISS E. J. ROBBINS
is carrying this season one of the largest collections of ribbons ever shown in St. Johnsbury, together with the most fashionable feathers and feather trimmings for hats and bonnets. Collars and cuffs, handkerchiefs, fancy baskets, and stamped linen goods are among the fine wares in her holiday assortment.

E. N. RANDALL
is well started in his 11th holiday sale and we say this confidently because we have seen his store filled with customers all the week. Some hasten to get bargains at his 5, 10 and 25 cent counters, while others inspect the large assortment of crockery and glass ware, plush goods, handkerchiefs, books, toys, diaries, fancy towels, vases, Bibles and hosts of other things. Mr. Randall has enlarged his store during the year and carries no high priced goods.

A. D. ROWELL
has returned from Boston and New York with a carefully selected stock of solid and plated ware, new designs in gold and silver watches, jewelry, rich gift books, triplicate mirrors, gold pens and marble clocks. Whiting's stationery is put up this year in more attractive paperies than ever and has no equal in the market. Mr. Rowell carries no useless articles but believes that useful articles are what people want. He has the right idea.

C. F. SHEPHERD
received some of Klackner's choicest etchings just in season for the holiday trade. In the beautiful collection is a fine etching of the "Trout Brook," a painting by Julian Rix, an old Peabody boy. His artotypes and heliotype, frames and photograph cases and cases are well worth a visit of inspection. Don't wait for the sunlight but get your pictures taken before Christmas so as to give them to your friends.

F. G. STEVENS
This old and reliable tailor store can be reached more easily than last year and besides you want to begin the new year right by letting Stevens fit you as nobly a suit as you ever wore. If you are anticipating last year's weather or an overcoat will be a prime necessity.

SMITH AND WALKER
are still making pills and compound prescriptions while at the same time they are selling plush sets, framed canoes and fancy articles that are just as their advertisement says, "rich, elegant, beautiful." They have given

special attention this season to supplying the growing demand for perfumeries and carry a large stock put up in very attractive styles.

T. C. SPENCER
has a most rich and elegant stock of silverware, solid and plated, solid silver headed canes and silk umbrellas, gold headed canes, opera glasses, jewelry set with precious stones, oxidized lamps of a rich pattern, finely tempered cutlery and mirrors. Besides a complete line of these and many other goods he carries games, books, albums, stationery and fine leather goods.

E. D. STEELE AND CO.
think that the best holiday gifts are those that are most useful and offer 50 styles of silk, worsted and cashmere face shawls from 25 cents to \$4, all kinds of gloves, the very latest novelties in neckties, a new stock of silk umbrellas besides a complete line of gents and boys suits and overcoats.

N. E. SWITZER
will sell you a lounge, easy chair, willow chair, mirror or table as cheap as anybody and if you are thinking of buying any articles in this line don't forget the furniture store on Eastern avenue.

G. A. WHITCHER
is now on Railroad street and if you want anything in the line of dry goods go to Whitcher's. Ladies will find plushes, velvets, shawls and dress goods, hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs and linen goods at prices sure to suit. You will find his store full of bargains.

COUNTY COURT.
In the case of Salmon Stearns v E. P. Clifford, which was on trial when the paper went to press last week, the jury after being out two hours returned a verdict for the defendant.

The case of Charles W. Phillips v John and Charles E. Winter was one of false warranty in reference to a wagon on the defendants had sold the plaintiff. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff of \$58.27 and costs. Geo. W. Cahoon, and Ide & Stafford for the plaintiff, Bates & May for the defendant.

The case of Catherine Gilson v Calvin Dewey was a suit of trespass on land and the case really fixed the boundaries between the land of both parties. Dewey ploughed beyond his land, so the plaintiff alleged, and the plaintiff sued to recover. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$4 damages and costs. Mr. Sloane for the plaintiff, Bates and Dunnett, C. H. Hosford for the defendant.

Late Tuesday afternoon the case of Emily Cheney v Dr. H. S. Calderwood was taken up and the mere fact that it was a breach of promise case was enough to fill the court room, and only the sign "no minors allowed" served to keep out the boys. About 25 witnesses are summoned in this case including several of the medical fraternity and Dr. Draper, superintendent of the Brattleboro insane asylum. The lawyers in the case are Ide & Stafford, M. Montgomery, Harry Blodgett and Mr. Drew of Lancaster for the plaintiff; Bates & May and State's Attorney Dunnett for the defendant. The indictment contains four counts and alleges that an agreement of marriage was distinctly understood between both parties, that the defendant married another person and that said defendant has continually sought to injure the reputation of the plaintiff who claims damages to the amount of \$1000.

The details of this case are unfit for publication and ought not to be given even in a public court room. Both the parties interested have been on the stand and the case is likely to consume the rest of the week. The court cases will be taken up early next week.

A Thief Nickerly Caught.
William Ricker, the old Woodville drover, is so well known in this vicinity that all will read with interest this story published in Saturday's Boston Traveller:

"An old drover by the name of William Ricker of Woodville, about two days ago was robbed of his grip-sack by a man by the name of Hugh Lawn. It was taken from a hotel near the Union stock yards at Watertown, and was valued at \$40. In the sack were a few papers, a book, a pocket watch, and a letter from a friend. Ricker, upon receiving word of the loss, immediately wrote a letter, which was dated in mid-ocean, addressed to his affianced in Boston, using the above paper and envelope. The letter was mailed from Liverpool, and it so happened when the letter reached Boston the lady was out of the city, and it was returned to the supposed writer, Mr. Ricker, at Woodville. The Boston police were notified of the case, and were on the watch for him, and on his return last week he was taken into custody by State-Officer Whitney, and was placed in Watertown police station last Saturday. Mr. Ricker went to Boston this week to attend the trial, and the prisoner will be arraigned. One of the amusing things in connection with the loss and arrest is that Lawn's letter, which was sent to Woodville, was opened by Ricker's wife, in his absence, and on his return he was asked to explain in regard to his lady's correspondence in Boston, and as he, of course, had no knowledge of the letter, it was sometime before he comprehended the situation. It is needless to say the wife understood the situation, and only wished to have a little pleasure at the expense of the husband."

LOCAL NOTICES.
Rev. C. F. Morse still calls attention to the New People's Cyclopedia as most valuable Christmas present. It will remind one of the giver almost daily for life. Sets kept on hand.

The Sanitary Condition of the Village.

The article in last week's Caledonian on the shocking sanitary condition of some portions of this village has put the people to thinking and talking. It needs but a little serious thought before the people will take vigorous measures for its remedy. The superintendent of streets cannot excuse himself on the plea of ignorance of such places as enumerated, for his attention has been called to them both personally and by letter for more than a year, but to no purpose. As an indication of how some of the people regard this matter, we take the liberty to copy a paragraph from a business letter received at this office the present week from a resident of this village, omitting street and names:

"I am very glad to see your article on the sanitary condition of St. Johnsbury. I have been astonished at it. I bought my house on — street. No water closet, nothing but a privy, with garbage thrown into it. I understand it is the same with all the neighborhoods. No wonder Mr. — who lives in the house, has been sick for months; and that —, just across the garden, should be sick with typhoid fever. Agitation is made every week till you get something done."

WHEELLOCK.
There will be a Christmas tree at the town hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor gave them a genuine surprise Wednesday, Dec. 12, it being the 28th anniversary of their marriage. There were about 100 persons present from St. Johnsbury, Sutton, St. Albans, Lyndon, Hardwick, and Wheelock. They left tokens of their regard amounting to over \$60 including cash presents of \$50.

Special Notices.
Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The Best Salve for the worst Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively Cures, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Flint Bros. Jan 29-89

Is Consumption Incurable?
Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, N. J., says: "Ward's Consumptive Cure, Lunges, and friends and physicians pronounced me Incurable Consumptive. I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery of Consumptive Cure, and in ten days I was able to get up and about. I took a third bottle, and am able to overcome the work on my farm. It is the best medicine ever made. I have never been so well since. I have been told that I would have died of Lung Trouble. I was given up by all the doctors. I am now in the best of health. Try it. I would have paid \$100 for it." ch w t dec 16, 88

Electric Bitters.
This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have had Electric Bitters used, the same song is sung. It is guaranteed to cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial Fevers, Chills, Headache, Constipation and Indigestion. Try Electric Bitters—Beware of cheap imitations, or money refunded. Price 50 cents per bottle. ch w t dec 16, 88

Advice to Mothers.
Are you dissatisfied with an awkward or untidy child? Are you tired of cutting and cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of Dr. Wm. Windos's Sucking-Children Balm. The sign "no minors allowed" served to keep out the boys. About 25 witnesses are summoned in this case including several of the medical fraternity and Dr. Draper, superintendent of the Brattleboro insane asylum. The lawyers in the case are Ide & Stafford, M. Montgomery, Harry Blodgett and Mr. Drew of Lancaster for the plaintiff; Bates & May and State's Attorney Dunnett for the defendant. The indictment contains four counts and alleges that an agreement of marriage was distinctly understood between both parties, that the defendant married another person and that said defendant has continually sought to injure the reputation of the plaintiff who claims damages to the amount of \$1000.

The details of this case are unfit for publication and ought not to be given even in a public court room. Both the parties interested have been on the stand and the case is likely to consume the rest of the week. The court cases will be taken up early next week.

A Thief Nickerly Caught.
William Ricker, the old Woodville drover, is so well known in this vicinity that all will read with interest this story published in Saturday's Boston Traveller:

"An old drover by the name of William Ricker of Woodville, about two days ago was robbed of his grip-sack by a man by the name of Hugh Lawn. It was taken from a hotel near the Union stock yards at Watertown, and was valued at \$40. In the sack were a few papers, a book, a pocket watch, and a letter from a friend. Ricker, upon receiving word of the loss, immediately wrote a letter, which was dated in mid-ocean, addressed to his affianced in Boston, using the above paper and envelope. The letter was mailed from Liverpool, and it so happened when the letter reached Boston the lady was out of the city, and it was returned to the supposed writer, Mr. Ricker, at Woodville. The Boston police were notified of the case, and were on the watch for him, and on his return last week he was taken into custody by State-Officer Whitney, and was placed in Watertown police station last Saturday. Mr. Ricker went to Boston this week to attend the trial, and the prisoner will be arraigned. One of the amusing things in connection with the loss and arrest is that Lawn's letter, which was sent to Woodville, was opened by Ricker's wife, in his absence, and on his return he was asked to explain in regard to his lady's correspondence in Boston, and as he, of